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Dear Mr. Frey:

This is in response to your request for views on enrolled bill H.R. 9998, the "Ocean Shipping Act of 1978." The Central Intelligence Agency did have a problem with a provision in the bill as introduced regarding access to information by the Federal Maritime Commission. However, this provision was deleted by the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries when that Committee reported the bill. We, therefore, defer substantive comment on the enrolled bill to those departments and agencies more directly involved.

We appreciate the opportunity to conduct a final review of this legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank C. Carlucci

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